



Newsletter

The Immaculate Conception Epping

22nd Sunday of the Year

30th August 2009

Dear Friends,

This bank holiday weekend marks the end of the summer holiday season: with the re-opening of the schools in the next few days, life will resume its regular rhythm. So much of what we do is predictable and routine; one day follows another without any great degree of difference. However, we must never forget that everything, no matter how small, has significance in the sight of God. The Scripture Readings today warn us against lip service or simply going through the motions. We are called to whole-hearted service and whatever we do ought to have the ring of conviction about it. Let us pray during Mass this weekend for the insight to recognise the value of all that we say and do and let all be said and done for the greater glory of God.

The preparation for First Holy Communion begins in a few weeks' time. All applications must be handed in by next Sunday, September 6th, at the latest. There will be a preparatory information evening for parents on Tuesday September 22nd at 8 p.m.

God bless you always,
Father James

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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FORTY HOURS' ADORATION

will take place from **8 pm on Friday 2nd October**, beginning with Holy Mass, to 12 noon on Sunday 4th October, ending with Holy Mass at 11. As usual, we appeal for watchers to cover the entire period, especially the night hours. There is a rota on the notice board for the names of watchers. As Our Lord said, **"Could you not watch one hour with Me?"** If you would like a candle to burn throughout the 40 hours for a deceased loved one, please enclose their name and £1 per candle in an envelope, and put through the door of the presbytery, clearly marked, **"40 Hours"**.

BAPTISM

Alfie McDonagh — Congratulations

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for Frank Smith, brother of Dorothy Whitehouse, to whom we offer prayerful condolences. *R.I.P.*

Please pray for Miss Joyce Peck, *R.I.P.*

LAST CALL TO ALL GROUP LEADERS!

If you lead a group or run an activity in the parish, please write a few lines about the past year's activities and drop into the presbytery, clearly marked: PARISH ASSEMBLY REPORT, or send by email. Thank you!

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

A Quiz Night will be held on Saturday 5th September 2009 in the Church Hall to raise much-needed funds for the maintenance of the Church Hall. Tables of eight (max), or we can allocate those on their own to join a table. **Tickets £8, including a Ploughman's Supper. Bring your own drinks and glasses.** There will be a raffle (donations of prizes welcomed). Tickets from any committee member after Mass or telephone 01992 577173 to book yours.

RED MISSION BOXES

These are ready for collection from the porch for those who use them.

ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE, WARE—England's oldest Catholic School

Old Hall Green, Nr. Ware, Herts, SG11 1DS, will be holding their annual Open Morning on Saturday, 26 September, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Everyone Welcome. For further details, phone 01920 824247. www.stedmundscollege.org

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please make yourselves known to Fr. James or Deacon Duncan, so we can welcome and inform you.

JOURNEY-IN-FAITH GROUP

If you missed the Information Evening on Wednesday 5th August, and would like to consider joining the weekly sessions which will start in early September, please contact Deacon Duncan for further details (01992 577173). This group is suitable for all those who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith, with a view possibly to become full members of the community at Easter next year.

CHURCH READERS

We are seeking volunteers for his important ministry. In particular we need to supplement the team at 6pm Mass. An introductory training session is arranged for Saturday 19th September at 10.00 a.m. in the Church. If you can help please contact Fr James or Deacon Duncan. The commitment should be about one weekend a month.

PARISH WHIST GROUP

Thanks to our parish whistlers who contributed £88 to parish funds in the last financial year 5th April 2009. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact Maureen McClean on 01992 573292.

AIDS, CONDOMS & THE CATHOLIC CHURCH—a presentation by Fr. Stephen Langridge, parish priest, Balham. Using information provided by the World Health Organisation, the United Nations and the contraception industry, Fr. Langridge challenges the view that the Church is engaged in 'Mass murder' and refutes such arguments with sound scientific facts. Tuesday 13th October at 8pm in our hall. All welcome, Catholic or not.

BRES AUTUMN LECTURE

on Thursday 10th September at 7.30pm in Cathedral House. Fr Christopher O'Donnell O.Carm, author and theologian, will speak on '*The Challenge of St Thérèse: Thoughts on the visit of her Relics*'. Tel: BRES on 01277 265285. Cost: £5 waged, £3 unwaged.

GREAT WALL OF CHINA TREK FOR ST CLARE HOSPICE SEP 2010

When was the last time you did something life changing? Have the adventure of a lifetime on the Great Wall of China Trek in aid of St Clare Hospice. Discover a landscape steeped in over 2000 years of history, mythology and ancient traditions. Encounter sections of the Wall which date back to the Ming Dynasty, off the usual tourist trail. To join the Great Wall of China Trek you will need to pay a registration fee of £290 and then pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship target. In return your flights, food, accommodation, guides etc will be provided. All profits from the challenge will support the work of the hospice. **For more information contact Sally on 01303 862996 or email stclarechinatrek@googlemail.com**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

This weekend 29th & 30th August 2009

Saturday	6 p.m. James Hopkins, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m. Douglas Dew, <i>R.I.P.</i> 11 a.m. People of the Parish

Intentions Week Beginning 31st August 2009

Monday	10a.m. Frank Smith, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Tuesday	9 a.m. Sr. Josephine Walsh, (Golden Jubilee)
Wednesday	9 a.m. Thomas Whelan, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Thursday	9 a.m. Edward Mellon, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Friday	9 a.m. Holy Souls, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Saturday	6 p.m. Margaret White, <i>R.I.P.</i>
Sunday	9 a.m. Moira Keenan, <i>R.I.P.</i> 11 a.m. People of the Parish

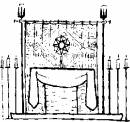
Morning Prayer will be held in the week 15 minutes before 9 am Mass.

Confessions: Saturday 11.30 to 12 noon and after 6 p.m. Mass

Please pray for the sick: Yvonne Morrall, David Jolly, Doris Scott, John Hannis, Ellen Day, Paulette Jarrold, Trudy Behn, Amy O'Day, Elsie Moore, Gina Hawkins, Doug Barker, Julie Eke, Margaret Cabon, Mike Collett, Annette Goodchild, Betty O'Mahoney, Beth Davie,

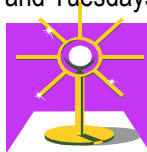
HOLY HOUR

Next on Monday
August 31st
at 8 pm in Church.
All Welcome



Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

From Tuesday Sep.1st
for an hour after Mass each
weekday and Tuesdays till 12.30



ROSARY GROUP

Friday at 5.00 p.m. at the
home of Charles Ward
22 Vicarage Road
Coopersale
All Welcome



Offerings

£ 1,141.72

Of which CAFOD

£80.00

Thank you